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**A B S T R A C T**

A filling machine and a method for filling foodstuffs, particularly beverages, in composite packages open on top and for sealing the packages, using a package transport device, a sterilization unit, a drying unit, a filling unit, and a sealing unit, are shown and described. In order to have more time available - at the same output - for the individual processes (sterilization, filling, and sealing processes), and in order to prevent undesired foaming, multiple aggregates, made of a sterilization unit, drying unit, and filling unit, which are assembled into processing lines, are positioned fixed on a rotating rotary machine (1) and the transport direction of the composite packages (P) runs radially around the axis of rotation (R) on the rotary machine.